

That which is claimed is:

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1. An article for easy identification, classification, and inventory tracking, the improvement comprising said article having a first state and a second state, a first perception and a second perception, said first perception indicating said first state and said second perception indicating said second state.

2. An article according to Claim 1, wherein said first state is as an unused article and said second state is as a used article.

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3. An article according to Claim 1, wherein said article has a plurality of surfaces and wherein said first perception is provided by a first identifiable characteristic located on one said surface and said second perception is provided by a second identifiable characteristic located on another of said surfaces.

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4. An article according to Claim 3, wherein said first identifiable characteristic is a first color and said second identifiable characteristic is a second color.

5. An article according to Claim 1, wherein a plurality

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12. An article having a first state and a second state, a first perception and a second perception, comprising:

a means for indicating said first state from said second state wherein said first perception indicates said first state and said second perception indicates said second state.

13. An article according to Claim 12, wherein said article is an elongated fluorescent light bulb having two ends and each said end having an end surface thereon.

14. An article according to Claim 13, wherein said first perception is provided by an identifiable characteristic located on one of said end surfaces.

15. An article according to Claim 14, wherein said first perception is provided by a first identifiable characteristic located on one of said end surfaces and said second perception is provided by a second identifiable characteristic located on said second end surface.

16. An article according to Claim 12, wherein said first identifiable characteristic comprises a symbol.

17. A method for identifying, classifying, and inventory tracking goods having at least a first state and a second state, comprising the steps of:

providing at least one article having at least a
first state and a second state; and

providing each said article with a first perception indicating said first state and a second perception indicating said second state.

18. An article according to Claim 17, wherein said article has a plurality of surfaces and wherein said first perception is provided by an identifiable characteristic comprising the shape of one of said surfaces.

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19. An article according to Claim 18, wherein the shape of said surface comprising said identifiable characteristic is a topographical change to said surface.

20. An article according to Claim 18, wherein the shape of said surface comprising said identifiable characteristic is a change to the perimeter of said surface.

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